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REVOLUTIONARY ARMY ORDERS

For the Main Army under Washington. 1778-1779.

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ORDERS FROM WAYNE'S LIGHT INFANTRY CORPS.

Light Infantry Head Quarters Kakiat Oct. 11th, '79.

Field Officer tomorrow Colo. Febeger.  
Adj't tomorrow Mr. Bullard.  
Ordily Serj'ts From Meges & Febeger's Reg't.

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Officer for Guard Lieut. Phillips.

Light Infantry Kakeyatte, 13th Oct'r, 1779.

C. O. Frequent complaints are made to me that notwithstanding there is three Women who draw Rations in my Company the Men Receive no benefit by Washing from them,—for the future to prevent complaints of this sort and the more equitable distribution of the business amongst them—Serjeant Grymes will immediately divide the Company into three Squads as may be most agreeable to them and give each Woman a list of those she is obliged to wash for—who will deliver her the soap they draw and pay her the stipulated price,—except when the soap is not Sufficient & She is obliged to purchase, then they must make a reasonable allowance—but on no pretence whatever is she on an Average to exceed

two Dollars pr. Dozen—the Womens Just accounts shall be punctually paid at the End of every Month by the men except she chuse to Wait longer—If any of the Women of my Company are properly convicted of refusing to comply with this reasonable Order—for the first fault her whole Rations shall be stopt,—& for the Second she shall be dismissed with disgrace as a useless charge & Expence to the Continent.

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L. I. O. Kakiat, Oct'r ye 12th, 1779.

Field Officer tomorrow Lt. Colo. Fleury.  
Adj't from Febegers Regt.  
Orderly Serj'ts From Putmans & Butlers.

The Broken & Exstream Bad Ground heretofore Occupied By the Light Corps has prevented any manuevers Being practised By that Laid in the Baren Stubens Care of Military Discipline. But having Now taken a position that with A Little Trouble will admit of performing Most of the Usfull manuevers the Gen'l Desires the Feld Officers to Cause the whole to Exercise in Battalions from Revelle Untill Seven Oclock Each morning the new Guards with their Respective Corps and from four Oclock in the Afternoon untill Retreat Beating By Regiments, the Old Guards to fall in with their Respective Corps.

The Gen'l wishes the Officers to attend at present to the manuevers Contain'd in ——— to Chap'r 14th inclusive 2 Capt's 2 Subs 4 ——— & 30 Rank & File to parade tomorrow morning with Every ax & Spade in the Corps which are to be Collected By the Respective 2 Masters the ———. the Officers will recive their Orders from Gen'l Waine Adjutants of Each Regiment will furnish Maj'r Fishbourn with a weekly Return of their Respective Regiments they will be accordingly Carfull in making their Returns to account for Every man in the Corps as the roster Must Be formed from them.

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L. I. O., 13th Octo'r, '79.

Field Officer tomorrow Maj'r Stewart.

Field Officer for Picquite this Night Lt. Col. Leill. Adj't for the day Bullard orderly Serj'ts from Megs & Febeges Reg'ts.

The Loadable Emmulation which Privates Every Brig'de & devisions in the army ought no where to be so Conspicuous as this Corps which from present appearance May Very Soone parade through Town & Cittys from which they have been Long Excluded and as Eyes of citizens & Contry would Be more full upon the American Light Infantry than any other part of the army the Gen'l Can't Doubt but Every Officer without distinction will Exert himself in Causing his men Immediately to furbish up the Arms & Cloathing in the best & neatist maner Possible they have now & opening & Lather for the purpose therefore no time or panes will be spared for the whole Corps to parade the day after tomorrow the New Guard with their Respective Regiments the Officers will Consider themselves anserable for the Soldierly appearance of their men the Gen'l observes many of the Soldiers who mount Guard Coming on the Grand parade with long Beards & uniforms ——— others the powder Slovenly put in the ——— Desire the Brigade Maj'r Not in futer to Except of any such for Guard or any man without a bayonet but Immediately put them on some fatigue or Camp duty in order to prevent the Loss of Bayonets or other Metarial the Field will once Every day Inspect the arms ammunition & accutremments of their Respective Battalions & make Camp Couller men of all ——— that at present without Bayonets ——— in the sivearest maner such may Loose his Bayonet in futer for that man who Looses ——— very worhtless & Cowardly. So to ——— Deturmin'd

to Justify his plyght in the ——— of his Enimy for the want of his Bayonet.

The Troop in the futer will mannover But once a day that is from 4 Oclock to Retreat beating the Old Guards will parade with their Respective Companies the Camp picquett to assemble on the Grand parade Every night at Retreat Beating & Recive there orders from the field officer of the piquet.

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R. O. Kakiat hights, Oct. 19th, 1779.

The Q Masters is Immediately to make apply Cation to the Brigade Q Master for the Deficiencys of Cartridges wanting to Compleat Each man with 40 Rounds the Commanding Officers of Companies will Immediately Cause the axes in there Respective Companies to be Immediately Ground & put in the best order possiable Each Orderly Serj't will make out an Immediate Return of the Cartridges Wanting in There Companies.

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L. I. O. Kakiat, October 19th, 1779.

Field Officer tomorrow Colo. Megs.

Field Officer for Picquitt this Night Maj'r Posey. Adj't Bullard Orderly Serj'ts from Colo. Megs & Febegers Reg'ts.

All the axes belonging to the Light Infantry are to be Immediately Corlected by the Regimental & M'r Ground & Repair'd as Quick as Possible.

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R. O. Light Infantry, Octo'r 22d.

Gen'l Wayne has Observed with Great Concern That the Virginians is the only troops in the Light Infantry that has

not procured Hair for their Caps The Coll. is Induced to Repeat the Orders for that purpose once more. And Derects the Officers to take the most Speedy & Effectual means to procure that Article no Officers to Mount Gard or go on the grand parade Without a Cap if he has Not one of his Own he will kind a nuff to Borrow.

FLEWRY,

*Lt. Colo. Commandent 1st R. L. I.*

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C. O. Oct'r 24th, 1779.

Captain Gamble<sup>1</sup> is much pleased that notwithstanding the soldiers had drawn two days Rum yesterday. Ens'n Philips says not one of the Company was drunk on the Parade—the Capt. earnestly wishes this good conduct may continue & would fondly hope it—But, as the Commissary will soon have Liquor to Issue, exclusive of what the Virg'a State so Generously has begun to supply us with and as it may be most proper to draw several days at once on account of the distance—Soldiers who are accustomed to get drunk will by this Means have it in their power. But the Captain is determined to suppress a practice destructive of good order & Military Dicipline and does most peremptorily declare—that the first man of his Company who is ever Catch'd Disguis'd with Liquor, either on, or off Guard shall for the first Offence—have his Rum stop'd for two weeks, both from the state & Com-

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<sup>1</sup> Robert Gamble, of Augusta county, Va., 1st Lieutenant, 12th Virginia, September 14, 1776; Captain, 7th March, 1778; regiment designated 8th Virginia, September 14, 1778; served to the close of the war. He was born September 3, 1754 and died at his residence, "Gamble's Hill," Richmond, Va., April 12, 1810. He fought at Princeton, Monmouth, Stony Point and other battles; was captured in South Carolina, where he was serving under Greene, and was a member of the Virginia Society of the Cincinnati. He removed from Augusta to Richmond in 1790, and was, for many years, a prosperous merchant. He married Catherine, daughter of John Grattan, of Augusta county, Va., and had a number of children. One of his daughters married William Wirt, and another married Governor William H. Cabell, of Virginia. See *Heitman* and *Cabells and Their Kin*, 255-257.

missaries Store—and be denied those privileges of recreation which a good and orderly Soldier can be occasionally indulged with,—& for the Second Offence, shall have added to this punishment, whatever the sentence of a Court Martial may inflict without favour to any Individual.

L. I. O. Kakiat, October 23rd, 1779.

Field Officer tomorrow Maj'r Chapman.

For Picquett Maj'r Posey, Adj't Bullard.

Orderly Serj'ts from Megs & Febegers Reg'ts.

The troops to parade for Review at ten O'clock tomorrow morning the New Guards with their Respective Reg'ts & the Orders Respecting the two days Provisions Being allways on hand & Ready Cooked Must be Particularly Observed the Gen'l has notesed Some Neglect with Regard to the Caps & Cloathing of part of this troops which others have in the Cource of two or three days after Joining the Corps fully Complied with that order he therefore Must Conclude that this omission prisides from in attention or want of meens the whole Corps to hold them Selves in perfect Readiness to march at a moments warning no Soldier to Leave Camp on pain of Immediate punishment wthout a permt from the Commandng Officer of the Reg't or Battalion to which he be longs & that Indulgence to be Granted but upon very particular accations the nature of the Service situation Curcomstances of this Corps Renders any other mode very Improper.

The Desordily mode of beating the Revalle troop & Retreat in this Corps Renders it highly necessary to fix on Some Signal for the whole to Beat to gether therefore in futer the taps to begen on the Right on the First Dawn of day & to pass to & be answered from the left when the whole will begen the Ruffle the same Ruffle to be observed for the troops or Retreat or any other Beats of the Drum that may be found nessecary.

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